

History of CCC in Washington

Washington Comprehensive Cancer Control Partnership

As of May 2004

Comprehensive Cancer Control – an integrated and coordinated approach to reduce cancer incidence, morbidity, and mortality through prevention, early detection, treatment, rehabilitation, and palliation

January, February, and April 2001

- Paul Sanders and Frank Kirk catalyzed interest in discussing a comprehensive approach to cancer prevention and control in Washington.
- Initial meetings of an informal planning group were convened by the Washington State Department of Health (DOH).
- The group shared and discussed information regarding current cancer programs and activities throughout the state.
- The planning group developed draft legislation to form a statewide cancer planning committee.
- The group developed a vision, mission, values, and role statements.

Summer 2001

- Upon the recommendation of the planning group, DOH applied for and received a 2-year planning grant for comprehensive cancer control from CDC.
- Grant goal = build a statewide partnership to develop a state comprehensive cancer control plan.

October 2001

- Project manager hired at DOH.
- Initial meeting held to discuss grant requirements.
- Discussed organizational structure for the partnership and the planning process.

November-December 2001

- Organized work groups:
 - Primary and Secondary Prevention
 - Medical Care
 - Public Policy and Legislation
 - Public Awareness and Education
- Formed the Coordination Team: co-chairs of each work group.

January 2002

- First Coordination Team meeting held: prepared for initiating plan development process.
- Prepared for Partnership meeting and first work group meetings (plan development).

February 2002

- Initiated plan development phase (Target date for plan completion: June 2003)
- Work groups began meeting approximately monthly to assess planning data and develop plan goals, objectives, and strategies.
- General partnership meetings to be held approximately quarterly for receiving updates on work group progress from co-chairs.

April 2002

- Conducted first partner evaluation survey – a web-based questionnaire, 29 questions.
- Evaluation questions covered the planning process, the likelihood of achieving planning goals, and performance on CCC building blocks.
- Ten evaluation objectives and 27 measures of effectiveness developed to address the evaluation questions.
- Participants included 73 of 101 eligible (72%).
- Summary report prepared and presented to Partnership.
- Report identified major concerns including the planning timeline and diversity within the partnership.
- Initial press release regarding the formation of the Partnership and its efforts to develop a state cancer plan.

September 2002

- CCC website went online as part of the DOH website.
- Expanded the Partnership Coordination Team by three members, including Peter West, MD, Premera; Winona Hollins-Hauge, Fred Hutchinson Cancer Research Center Community Outreach Manager; and Juliet VanEenwyk, PhD, Department of Health. Winona's charge was to assist in improving outreach and diversity for the partnership. (Action taken in response to partner evaluation survey)
- Coordination Team met and agreed to continue meeting monthly to coordinate the planning process and address plan development issues. (Action taken in response to partner evaluation survey)

October 2002

- Gave two CCC presentations at the Washington State Joint Conference on Health in Wenatchee. Five members of the Coordination Team presented as a panel on the Partnership and its planning efforts. The second presentation focused on the Partnership and the initial partner evaluation survey.

January 2003

- Recruitment and orientation presentation at American Cancer Society headquarters in Seattle to try to improve diversity in the Partnership. Had six participants express interest in the Partnership.
- Began interim review of draft CCC plan in preparation for sending to CDC as part of application for transition to implementation.

February 2003

- Submitted application, including draft plan, to CDC for increased funding to transition from planning to implementation.
- Submitted applications to CDC for optional funding for colorectal and prostate cancer.

May 2003

- Conducted second partner evaluation survey – a web-based questionnaire, 29 questions.
- Most evaluation questions were identical to the first survey.
- Ten evaluation objectives and 23 measures of effectiveness developed to address the evaluation questions.
- Participants included 48 of 125 eligible (38%).

July 2003

- Received increased funding for comprehensive cancer control to transition to implementation (\$139,000 to \$300,000).
- Received funding for two CCC plan implementation programs focusing on colorectal cancer screening and informed decision-making about prostate cancer screening (\$350,000 and \$200,000 respectively).
- Completed planning phase and began preparation of the draft plan for internal and external review and revision.
- Identified nearly 50 potential external reviewers of the draft plan.

August 2003

- First phase of draft plan review began. Two meetings held focusing on the Primary and Secondary Prevention sections and the Medical Care section respectively.
- Draft plan revised and distributed to entire Partnership and external reviewers for feedback.

September 2003

- Coordination Team met to discuss reviewer comments and suggestions.
- Recommendations by Coordination Team were made regarding final revisions to draft plan.

November 2003

- Draft bylaws reviewed by Coordination Team and recommendations were made for revision.
- Coordination Team agreed to become an Interim Steering Committee to facilitate the transition to a more formal structure and process for the partnership based on the bylaws.

January 2004

- Washington State Comprehensive Cancer Control Plan published.
- Meeting and dinner held to celebrate publication of the plan and launch a new phase for the partnership.
- Partnership Coordinator/Health Interventionist, Colorectal and Prostate Cancer Project Coordinator, and Program Administrative Support staff hired at the Department of Health CCC Program.
- Contract initiated with Alliance for Reducing Cancer, Northwest (a member of the National Cancer Prevention and Control Research Network) for beginning assessment and evaluation work on the colorectal and prostate cancer grants.

February 2004

- Bylaws for the Washington Comprehensive Cancer Control Partnership (WCCCP) approved by the Interim Steering Committee.

March 2004

- Membership applications distributed to establish the formal membership of the partnership.

April 2004

- First Prostate Cancer Task Force meeting held (27 participants).
- Nominations solicited to elect first WCCCP Steering Committee.

May 2004

- First WCCCP Steering Committee elected.

June 2004

- First quarterly WCCCP meeting was held.